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TOFAS NO. 3. SUMMARY: GOA HAS EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT SUFFICIENT FUEL SUPPLIES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PLANTING AND HARVESTING THIS YEAR. SITUATION OF TEXTILE INDUSTRY EASING AS OIL SUPPLIES INCREASING. LONG-RANGE PROSPECTS VIEWED RATHER OPTIMISTICALLY.

1. RESPONDING TO PRESSURES FROM FARM QUARTERS FOR OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON FUEL DISTRIBUTION POLICY, AUSTRIAN MINISTER OF TRADE STARIBACHER HAS ANNOUNCED THAT ADEQUATE FUEL SUPPLIES WILL BE SET ASIDE FOR AGRICULTURE TO ASSURE UNHAMPERED 1974 SPRING PLANTING AND HARVESTING OPERATIONS.

2. SUPPLY HEAVY RESIDUAL FUELS TO WESTERN AUSTRIAN TEXTILE MILLS LARGELY NORMALIZED WITH FOREIGN DELIVERIES PICKING UP AGAIN AND AUSTRIAN OIL ADMINISTRATION NOW ABLE TO MEET ANY RESIDUAL REQUIREMENTS.

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3. APPRECIABLE INCREASES IN PRICES FOR PETROLEUM PRODUCTS MAY

TAKE EFFECT SHORTLY. IN THIS CONTEXT AGRICULTURE DEMANDS HIGHER
COMPENSATION RATES UNDER EXISTING SCHEME PROVIDING FOR PARTIAL
FUEL COST REFUNDS TO FARMERS. HIGH-LEVEL TALKS ON THIS
SCHEDULED FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY.

4. MOTOR FUEL SUPPLY JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1974 CURRENTLY
SEEN UNCRITICAL AND LONGER-RANGE PROSPECTS VIEWED WITH
CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM. HOWEVER, GOA STANDS READY TO INAUGURATE
RATIONING SCHEME SHOULD UNFORSEEN FUEL SHORTAGES DEVELOP.
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